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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Gale A. Norton
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Norton:

Thank you for inviting me to designate a representative from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to serve on the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force.

I am pleased to designate Thomas J. Gibson as EPA's representative. As well as serving as Counselor and as Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Mr. Gibson has extensive experience in Everglades issues, which I believe makes him ideally suited for service on the Task Force. In addition, I am designating Richard Harvey of EPA Region IV to serve as EPA's representative on the Working Group, with Jane Rogers as his alternate.

I appreciate and applaud President Bush's commitment to the restoration and protection of the Everglades, and I look forward to working with the Department of the Interior, as well as with other federal agencies, the Miccosukee and Seminole tribes, local governments, and the State of Florida, to pursue the Task Force's important goals.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Todd Whitman

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